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Sea erosion in Beypore

* 344 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of damage caused to property by sea erosions at Beypore in Malabar district in the months of May and June 1956 ;

(b) the preventive measures taken by the Government to stop such erosions; and

(c) the relief given by the Government to the homeless victims and the other people affected by the erosions?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) About 65 coconut trees standing on Government poramboke and unsurveyed foreshore lands were washed away. One house was pulled down by its occupants when the sea was advancing.

(b) No preventive measures are possible unless crores of rupees are spent on dumping huge concrete blocks year after year and when they are well settled, a sea dyke to break the waves can be put up. This is considered not worthwhile.

(c) Grant is generally given from the State funds for the reconstruction of houses which are pulled down on account of the advance of the sea.

Houses for the P.W.D. garden workers, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras

* 345 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have sanctioned Rs. 39,000 for constructing houses for the Public Works Department garden workers in the Govenment Estate, Mount Road, Madras; and

(b) if so, at what stage the work stands now?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimate for the work is under revision and the work will be taken up after the estimate is technically sanctioned, tenders are called for and a contractor is settled. The work is expected to be completed within a period of nine months from the date of handing over of the site to the contractor. Special steps will be taken for executing the work as expeditiously as possible.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have received any memorandum in this connexion and also regarding the grievances of the estate workers and, if received, what action the Government propose to take?

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have no knowledge of any representation having been made.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know how many persons are intended to be housed in the estate?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The proposal is to construct about 59 huts. The original estimate was for Rs. 32,000. The estimate was altered and raised to Rs. 39,000 and it is proposed to construct the huts with tiled roof.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Sir, arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, I would like to know whether in each of the houses constructed only one family will be housed or a number of families will be housed? 9-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : A hut is supposed to house only one family.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : இம்மாதிரி அரசாங்கத்தின் வேலைகளையெல்லாம் ரிவிஷன் பண்ணவேண்டிய நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதற்கு முன்னதாக சிமெண்ட் உயர்ந்த பட்சம் ரூ. 87-க்குத்தான் விற்றது. மத்திய அரசாங்கம் அதை எடுத்துக் கொண்ட பிறகு அதன் விலை ரூ. 102-க்கு உயர்ந்து ரூ. 15 அதிகமாக விற்கப்படுகிறது. இந்த அரசாங்கத்திற்கு ஆயிரக்கணக்கான டன் சிமெண்ட் வேண்டியதாக இருந்தும் கூட இவர்கள் அதிகமாக பணம் கொடுத்து வாங்குகிறார்கள். அதுதான் இந்த வேலைகளின் ரிவிஷனுக்குக் காரணமா? மராமத்து இலாகா சம்பந்தமான வேலைகளினால் இந்த ரிவிஷன் காரணமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : உடனடியாக அதைப்பற்றி ஒன்றும் சொல்ல முடியாது. வேலைகளை ரிவிஷன் பண்ணுவதற்கு அதுவும் ஒரு காரணமாக இருக்கலாம்.

Supply of electric energy in the Tiruvallur Municipal area

* 346 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri K. Vinayakam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that electric energy is supplied for twenty hours in a day in Kadambathur area in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, whereas it is only for ten hours in a day in the Tiruvallur Municipal area ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that on receipt of a petition on 17th May 1956, the supply period has been raised from ten hours to fifteen hours in the Tiruvallur Municipal area?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) & (*b*) During the last power cut period beginning from 1st April 1956, the restriction of grouping of agricultural and other rural L.T. power loads into two batches and affording supply to each batch for 10 hours in the day was enforced in hydro-electric